

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 and extending to line 25 on page 21 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Figure 18 is an image depicting a comparison of the amino acid sequence of mouse resistin (SEQ ID NO:2) with hRELM-A (SEQ ID NO:4). The consensus sequence is depicted between the mouse and human sequences. Conservative amino acid changes are indicated by “+”. Further, the locations of the invariable cysteine residues are indicated by a “●”.